

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE State: NORTH CAROLINA

## PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

- 8. Private duty nursing services. (PDN)
  - A. Private duty nursing services are reimbursed at the lower of billed customary charges or an established hourly rate. Effective October 1, 2002, this rate, is adjusted annually by the percentage change in the rate for a skilled nursing visit by a home health agency. Notwithstanding any other provision, if specified these rates will be adjusted as shown on Supplement 1 to the 4.19-B section of the state plan.
  - B. Effective October 1, 1993, payment for Private Duty Nursing Medical Supplies, except those related to provision and use of DME, shall be reimbursed at the lower of a provider's billed customary charges or the maximum fee established for certified home health agencies. The maximum amount for each item is determined by multiplying the prevailing Medicare Part B allowable amount by 145 percent to account for the allocation of overhead costs and by 80 percent to encourage maximum efficiency. Fees will be established based on average, reasonable charges if a Medicare allowable amount cannot be obtained for a particular supply item. The Medicare allowable amounts will be those amounts available to the Division of Medical Assistance as of July 1 of each year.

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